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SUBJ: SWEDEN INDICATED INTENTION TO REQUEST CHANGE IN QUOTA  
SYSTEM OF BALTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION

REF: STOCKHOLM 3366

1. SWEDISH AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MINISTER ANDERS DAHLGREN  
LEFT WITH DELEGATION ON AUGUST 25 TO DISCUSS FISHING LIMITS WITH  
SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN MOSCOW.  
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2. INTERVIEWED BY NATIONAL DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET BEFORE HIS  
DEPARTURE (ARTICLE APPEARED IN AUGUST 25 ISSUE), MINISTER  
DAHLGREN SAID: "THE SITUATION CREATED BY SWEDEN'S INTENTION TO  
EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMITS WILL REQUIRE AN AMENDMENT OF THE  
BALTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION."

3. ARTICLE SAYS THAT SWEDEN WILL BE MAKING THIS REQUEST AT EXTRA MINISTERIAL MEETING OF BALTIC FISIERIES CONVENTION IN WARSAW ON SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, WHICH WAS CALLED BY SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTER ISHKOV DURING HIS VISIT TO STOCKHOLM IN MAY. FISHING QUOTAS FOR 1978 WILL BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR MEETING OF SIGNATORIES IN WEEK AFTER THE EXTRA MEETING. DAHLGREN COMMENTED: "WE ONLY WANT COLLABORATION ON THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE BALTIC. WE INTEND TO REMOVE THE PART OF THE CONVENTION DEALING WITH QUOTAS. THAT PART MUST DISAPPEAR. WE WILL BE CONTROLLING 40-45 PERCENT OF THE BALTIC, AND WE OURSELVES ARE GOING TO DECIDE HOW MUCH FISH OTHER COUNTRIES ARE GOING TO CATCH IN OUR WATERS. WE HAVE DECIDED TO EXTEND OUR FISHING LIMITS BECAUSE SWEDEN NEEDS NEW FISHING WATERS. THE BALTIC CONVENTION HAS GIVEN US POOR QUOTAS, AND WE HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF THE NORTH SEA BY NORWAY'S EXTENSION OF ITS FISHING ZONE. THE FREEDON OF THE SEAS HAS GONE. WE ARE JUST DOING WHAT OTHERS HAVE DONE--ASSERTING OUR RIGHTS".

4. THE TALKS IN MOSCOW WILL BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTRIES BORDERING ON BALTIC IN ATTEMPT TO REACH SOME FORM OF ACCEPTANCE FOR SWEDEN'S EXTENSION OF FISHING ZONE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1978. ON TALKS WITH THE RUSSIANS, DAHLGREN SAID: " I HAVE ONLY ONE MAP WITH ME, AND IT HAS A MATHEMATICAL MID-LINE. WE ARE REALISTIC. IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE NEW YEAR ... IF, AS WE HOPE, WE CAN AGREE ON A LINE SOMEWHERE IN THE BALTIC WE ARE PREPARED

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TO ACCEDE THE RIGHT TO THE OTHER COASTAL STATES TO FISH WITHIN OUR FISHING ZONE. BUT IT WILL BE THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT THAT FIXES THE QUOTAS."

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